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U.S. Patent Application: 10/687,543
Filing Date: Oct 16, 2003
Title: Optical Fiber Array Assembly, etc.

ATTY Docket: FG - 21

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

ART UNIT: **2839**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

SIR:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2004.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY AND PAYMENT OF FEES:

Applicant requests an extension of time to reply to the outstanding Office Action. All small entity amounts due related to these amendments of claims and to the reply extension of time should be charged to the undersigned attorney's deposit account #04-1649.

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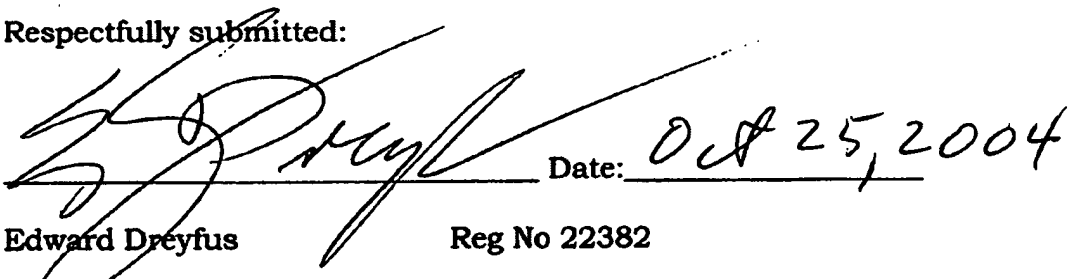
PENDING CLAIMS AND AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1 – 23 are pending herein. Claim 24 is canceled. A claim listing is attached hereto and filed herewith. Entrance is requested of the amendments therein. The amendments are made without prejudice and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention. Applicant, by amending claims herein, expressly does not

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In the event the prosecution hereof can be efficiently advanced by a telephone conference, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be called at 908-233-4666.

Respectfully submitted:



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Claim listing attached

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD
Effective October 1, 2003

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	24	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	24 minus 20=	* 4
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		☐

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	385.00	OR	BASIC FEE	770.00
XS 9=		OR	XS18=	72
X43=		OR	X86=	
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	842

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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Independent	* 6	Minus	*** 3	= 3
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
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XS 9=		OR	XS18=	
X43=		OR	X86=	258
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	258

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

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X43=		OR	X86=	
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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RAM Fee History Query

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